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Letter from Margaret Whitney Pratt, New York,  
New York, to Anne Whitney, Boston,  
Massachusetts, 1897 December 23

Margaret Whitney Pratt

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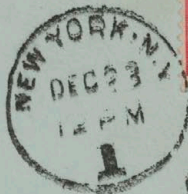
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Miss Anne Whitney.  
"Charlestown."  
Boston.  
Beacon Street. Mass.



Mr Stowe for that money.  
I agree entirely with you that  
the only ground on which it  
could be properly returned  
would be, that Uncle Edward  
never intended to make any  
charge for his services.

Now I am not sure, but,  
that Mr Savage misrepresented  
the executors - I hope that  
he did. Mr Savage asked  
for one thousand dollars  
fee, for himself and the  
Court allowed him seven  
hundred. He admitted that  
he had not even looked over  
the long and unnecessary ac-  
counting he presented for  
which an expert was <sup>also</sup> paid  
two hundred dollars - in which

Thursday Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

203 West 103<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Dear Aunt Anne.

Your kindest  
of letters were both received  
and were heartily welcomed  
for they put me on firm  
foundations concerning my  
steadfast opinion that both  
Uncle Edward & Uncle James  
never intended to make any  
charge for their care of our  
estate.

Mr Kingsley says that  
there is no legal necessity what-  
ever in the State of New Jersey  
for any percentage to be  
allowed or paid in such  
cases - and when the trustee



has been a near relative  
it is frequently recorded in  
the discharge of the trustee  
<sup>ships</sup> that no charges were made  
<sup>or intended to be made</sup>  
for service. The court allowed  
the charges simply because  
Mr Savage requested it - and  
when Mr Hingsley opposed  
the matter saying that  
he "had always understood  
that the trustees did not  
intend to charge for their  
services". then Mr Savage  
said that he had been to  
Boston, that he represented  
the executors of both estates  
and that they insisted that  
the charges should be paid.

The original claim was

made for one percent on the  
estate and income, which would  
be according to the accounting  
which Mr Savage had <sup>had</sup> made  
twenty two hundred and fifty  
dollars - and then it was  
discovered that there was  
an error of nearly one hundred  
thousand dollars in the state-  
ment, which reduced the  
allowance to twelve hundred  
and fifty dollars, then  
Mr Savage asked the court  
for a larger percent to bring  
the sum up to twenty five  
hundred dollars - as they had  
already taken the money  
allowed in the first order.  
Of course one would  
never make any claim on

203 West 103<sup>rd</sup> Street.

There was an error of one hundred thousand dollars.

Mr Kingsley says the whole matter might have been settled for eighty-five dollars instead of several thousand.

I will have to leave this with a loving greeting to you and all that are with you, and to dear Aunt Carrie if she is in in Belmont - and will still send my family letter before the New Year comes in. A pleasant Christmas to you - we spent ours at home  
Lovingly - Maggie.